

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

JOHNSON & JOHNSON
HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS INC.,

:

Civil Action No. 22-2632

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Plaintiff,

Hon. Jamel K. Semper, U.S.D.J.

: Hon. Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J.

vs.

SAVE ON SP, LLC,

:

**ORDER GRANTING
MOTION TO SEAL**

Defendant.

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THIS MATTER having been brought to the Court, and referred to the undersigned Special Master, upon the joint motion [ECF No. 360] of Plaintiff Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems Inc. (“JJHCS”) and Defendant Save On SP, LLC (“SaveOnSP”), by and through their attorneys, seeking an order to (a) permanently maintain under seal the letters and supporting exhibits filed by counsel for the parties regarding (i) SaveOnSP’s Motion to Compel JJHCS to Produce “Best Price” Certifications, dated April 18, 2024, with related briefing on May 2 and May 9, 2024 (ECF No. 285, filed May 13, 2024); (ii) SaveOnSP’s Motion to Compel JJHCS to Produce TrialCard Documents, dated April 19, 2024, with related briefing on May 7 and May 17, 2024 (ECF No. 312, filed June 12, 2024); and (iii) SaveOnSP’s Motion to Compel JJHCS to Produce Documents from the Janssen Entities, dated April 22, 2024, with related briefing on May 14 and May 21, 2024

(ECF No. 313, filed June 12, 2024) (collectively, the “Subject Motions”); and (b) permit JJHCS to file the proposed public versions of ECF Nos. 285, 312, and 313 attached as Exhibits A, B, & C to the Declaration of Jeffrey J. Greenbaum submitted in support of this motion (“Greenbaum Declaration”); and the Special Master having considered the motion to which no objections have been lodged, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 78, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to L. Civ. R. 5.3(c)(6):

(1) As to JJHCS’s request to seal its confidential materials, the Subject Motions contain information that is non-public business, trade secret and/or proprietary information and confidential health information involving the administration of the Janssen CarePath Program and the JJHCS business (the “JJHCS Confidential Materials”).

(2) JJHCS Confidential Materials contain highly sensitive, proprietary business information of JJHCS that is not known to the general public.

(3) The parties have safeguarded and protected the confidentiality of the JJHCS Confidential Materials, including throughout the pendency of this action.

(4) JJHCS would suffer substantial and specific harm, including but not limited to, potential financial damage and disclosure of competitive business information through the divulgence of such confidential information and that JJHCS has a

strong and legitimate interest in protecting this confidential information from being disclosed to the public.

(5) Confidential Health Information would be improperly revealed to the public if the Confidential Materials were filed on the public docket.

(6) No less restrictive alternative to sealing exists and that JJHCS has proposed redactions where appropriate to minimize the amount of sealing necessary.

(7) For these reasons, good cause exists for protecting the JJHCS Confidential Materials pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1)(G) and L. Civ. R. 5.3(c)(2).

(8) As to the information that SaveOnSP seeks to seal, Exhibits 3-4 of the May 13, 2024 Best Price Motion, JJHCS's May 2, 2024 Opposition and Exhibit 6, SaveOnSP's May 9, 2024 Reply and Exhibit 30 [collectively, ECF No. 285]; Exhibits 12, 39-41, 46-47 of the April 19, 2024 TrialCard Motion, Exhibit 31, 39, 41-43 to the May 7, 2024 Opposition, and Exhibit 56 to the May 14, 2024 Reply [collectively, ECF No. 312]; and Exhibit 78 of the April 22, 2024 Janssen Entities Motion [ECF No. 313] contain SaveOnSP's proprietary business information and the confidential health information of patients (collectively, the "SaveOnSP Confidential Materials").

(9) Avoiding the public disclosure of this information is necessary to prevent harm to the parties. *See e.g., Rosario v. Doe*, 2013 WL 3283903, at *2-3 (D.N.J. June 25, 2013) (sealing records containing private medical information or

proprietary information); *Goldenberg v. Indel, Inc.*, 2012 WL 15909, at *3 (D.N.J. Jan. 3, 2012) (granting motion to seal “commercially sensitive and proprietary nonpublic business information”); *Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. v. Amersham Health Inc.*, 2007 WL 2085350, at *9-10 (D.N.J. July 18, 2007) (granting motion to seal where the public availability of documents containing confidential business information would have put a party at a competitive disadvantage).

(10) It is believed that no less restrictive alternative is available to prevent the disclosure of SaveOnSP’s proprietary business information and confidential patient health information. This Motion to Seal has been narrowly tailored to seek sealing as to only those materials that have been deemed confidential.

(11) Upon consideration of the papers submitted in support of the Motion and the materials that SaveOnSP has designated as Confidential, SaveOnSP has met its burden of proving, under L. Civ. R. 5.3 and applicable case law, that the information should be filed under seal. Specifically, SaveOnSp has shown that: (a) Exhibits 3-4 of the May 13, 2024 Best Price Motion, JJHCS’s May 2, 2024 Opposition, SaveOnSP’s May 9, 2024 Reply and Exhibit 30 [collectively, ECF No. 285] contain confidential information; (b) Exhibits 12, 39-41, 46-47 of the April 19, 2024 TrialCard Motion, Exhibit 31, 39, 41-43 to the May 7, 2024 Opposition, and Exhibit 56 to the May 14, 2024 Reply [collectively, ECF No. 312] contain confidential information; (c) Exhibit 78 of the April 22, 2024 Janssen

Entities Motion [ECF No. 313] contains confidential information; (d) SaveOnSp has a legitimate interest in maintaining the confidentiality of this information in order to protect against disclosure; (e) public disclosure of this information would result in clearly defined and serious injury; and (f) no less restrictive alternative to sealing the subject documents is available.

(12) The foregoing conclusions are supported by relevant case law holding that the right of public access to court filings is not absolute and may be overcome by a showing such as made here, in the discretion of the trial court. *See Nixon v. Warner Comms., Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 603 (1978). The court, upon such a proper showing, may in its discretion prevent confidential materials from being transmuted into materials presumptively subject to public access. *Leucadia, Inc. v. Applied Extrusion Techs., Inc.*, 998 F.2d 157, 166 (3d Cir. 1993).

For the reasons set forth above, and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this 10th day of September, 2024,

ORDERED that pursuant to L. Civ. R. 5.3, the JJHCS Confidential Materials are confidential and entitled to protection; and it is further

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ORDERED that the motion to seal [ECF No. 360] is **GRANTED** and ECF Nos. 285, 312, and 313 are hereby permanently **SEALED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall maintain the unredacted versions of the Subject Motions at ECF Nos. 285, 312, and 313 under seal; and it is further **ORDERED** that the parties are directed to file the redacted versions of ECF Nos. 285, 312, and 313, including all exhibits, consistent with their proposed redactions submitted herewith.

/s/ Freda L. Wolfson
Hon. Freda L. Wolfson (ret.)
Special Master